GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TRAFFIC PROBLEM
ASHOK KUMAR PATEL;DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that traffic-snarls for hours together caused by the frequent rallies and demonstrations in Delhi create a lot of problems for the public;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to ban rallies and demonstrations and shift the venue of such rallies and demonstrations to some specified far-off place;

(c) if so, the time by which the same is likely to be done; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH.VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)to(d): There is no proposal under the consideration of the Government at present to shift the venue of public demonstrations and rallies from Jantar Mantar-Parliament Street area. These are recognised form of protests in any democratic society and cannot, therefore, be banned also. However, special efforts are made to regulate the traffic, when such demonstrations/rallies take place, to avoid inconvenience to the public.